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1. PURPOSE. This document establishes standards for scientific and technical reports prepared by or for the Department of Transportation (DOT). The application of these standards aids in the interchange of scientific and technical information and in the reduction of costs in the preparation, publication, and dissemination of such information. This document is reviewed periodically by a DOT R&D Information Working Group convened to ensure its compatibility with Congressional and DOT requirements and conformance to national documentation standards. It also is included as Appendix 1 to Order DOT 1700.18B, "Acquisition, Publication, and Dissemination of DOT Scientific and Technical Reports," and as an exhibit in all DOT R&D procurement contracts, as applicable.

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3. REFERENCES.

a. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) document, Writing Abstracts, Z39.14-1971; \$3.50; Available from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

b. Bibliographic Procedures and Style: A Manual for Bibliographers in the Library of Congress. \$0.70. Available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, D.C. 20402.

c. ANSI document, Guidelines for Format and Production of Scientific and Technical Reports, Z39.18-1974, \$4.00; Available from the American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.

d. U.S. Congress Joint Committee on Printing, Current Government Printing and Binding Regulations; Available from the Joint Committee on Printing, U.S. Congress, Committee Room S-151, U.S. Capitol, Washington, D. C. 20510.

e. Department of Defense/Engineers Joint Council, Thesaurus of Engineering and Scientific Terms, 1967. Available from the Engineers Joint Council, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017.

f. Department of Commerce, List of Business and Economic Terms, COM-73-12000, December 1973, AD-641092; Available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

g. ASTM document Metric Practice Guide, Z210.1 - 1973. Available from the American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, designation E380-72.

h. Department of Commerce, Units of Weights and Measures, National Bureau of Standards Miscellaneous Publication 286, SD Catalog No. C13.10.286, \$2.25; Available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

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Body of Report	Introduction Main Text Conclusions Recommendations
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	Self Cover

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FIGURE 1A. SAMPLE, SELF COVER (Items on cover also
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5. Report Date April 1974		
6. Performing Organization Code		
7. Author(s) M.R. Brashears, N.A. Logan, S.J. Robertson, K.R. Shrider and C.D. Walters		
8. Performing Organization Name and Address Lockheed Missiles & Space Company, Inc.* Huntsville Research & Engineering Center 4800 Bradford Drive Huntsville AL 35807		
9. Performing Organization Report No. LM-74-2B		
10. Work Unit No. (TRAIS) FA405/R4115		
11. Contract or Grant No. DOT-TSC-593		
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15. Supplementary Notes U. S. Department of Transportation Transportation Systems Center *Under contract to: Kendall Square Cambridge MA 02142		
16. Abstract <p>A unifying wake vortex transport model is developed and applied to a wake vortex predictive system concept. The fundamentals of vortex motion underlying the predictive model are discussed including vortex decay, bursting and instability phenomena. A parametric and sensitivity analysis is presented to establish baseline uncertainties in the algorithm to allow meaningful comparison of predicted and measured vortex tracks. A detailed comparison of predicted vortex tracks with photographic and groundwind vortex data is presented. Excellent agreement between prediction and measurement is shown to exist when sufficient wind data are available. Application of the Pasquill class criteria is shown to be an effective technique to describe the wind profile in the absence of detailed wind data. The effects of wind shear and the Ekman spiral on vortex transport are discussed. It is shown that the combination of wind shear and ground plane may be possible mechanisms underlying vortex tilting and a theoretical explanation is advanced that is somewhat supported by comparison with the experimental data. Finally, recommendations for further vortex data collection in the vicinity of an airport are presented.</p> <p>Volume II, 246 pages, contains appendices.</p>		
17. Key Words Vortices Aircraft Wakes Wake Turbulence Wind Shear Wake Vortex Predictive System Ground Plane Vortex Tilting Vortex Transport		
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2. Areas of model application
3. Special model requirements
 - a. Areas of model application
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METRIC CONVERSION FACTORS

Approximate Conversions to Metric Measures

Symbol	When You Know	Multiply by	To Find	Symbol
LENGTH				
in	• 2.5	centimeters	cm	mm
ft	30	centimeters	cm	cm
yd	0.9	meters	m	m
mi	1.6	kilometers	km	km
AREA				
in ²	square inches	square centimeters	cm ²	mm ²
ft ²	square feet	square meters	m ²	yd ²
yd ²	square yards	square meters	m ²	mi ²
mi ²	square miles	square kilometers	km ²	
acres	0.4	hectares	ha	
MASS (weight)				
oz	ounces	grams	g	kg
lb	pounds	kilograms	kg	kg
sh tn	short tons (2000 lb)	tonnes	kg	kg
VOLUME				
tspoon	6	milliliters	ml	ml
tablespoon	15	milliliters	ml	ml
fluid ounces	30	milliliters	ml	ml
cups	0.24	liters	l	l
pints	0.47	liters	l	l
quarts	0.96	liters	l	l
gallons	3.8	liters	l	l
cubic feet	0.03	cubic meters	m ³	m ³
cubic yards	0.76	cubic meters	m ³	m ³
TEMPERATURE (exact)				
°F	Fahrenheit temperature	5/9 (then subtracting 32)	Celsius temperature	°C
°C	Celsius temperature	9/5 (then add 32)	Fahrenheit temperature	°F

* 1 in = 2.54 cm exactly. For other exact conversions and more detailed tables, see NBS Mon. Publ. 280, Units of Weights and Measures, Price \$2.25, SD Catalog No. C11.10-286.

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Approximate Conversions from Metric Measures

Symbol	When You Know	Multiply by	To Find	Symbol
LENGTH				
mm	millimeters	0.039	inches	in
cm	centimeters	0.4	inches	in
m	meters	3.3	feet	ft
km	kilometers	1.1	feet	yd
mi	miles	0.6	yards	mi
AREA				
cm ²	square centimeters	0.036	square inches	in ²
m ²	square meters	1.2	square yards	yd ²
km ²	square kilometers	0.4	square miles	mi ²
ha	hectares	2.5	acres	acres
MASS (weight)				
kg	grams	0.035	ounces	oz
kg	kilograms	2.2	pounds	lb
kg	tonnes (1000 kg)	1.1	short tons	sh tn
VOLUME				
ml	milliliters	0.033	fluid ounces	fl oz
ml	milliliters	2.1	pints	pt
ml	milliliters	1.06	quarts	qt
l	liters	0.265	gallons	gal
l	liters	35	cubic feet	ft ³
l	liters	1.3	cubic yards	yd ³
m ³	cubic meters			
TEMPERATURE (exact)				
°F	Fahrenheit temperature	32	Celsius temperature	°C
°C	Celsius temperature	9/5 (then add 32)	Fahrenheit temperature	°F

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FIGURE 3. METRIC CONVERSION FACTORS

f. Reference Material.

(1) Appendices. Start an appendix on a right-hand page.

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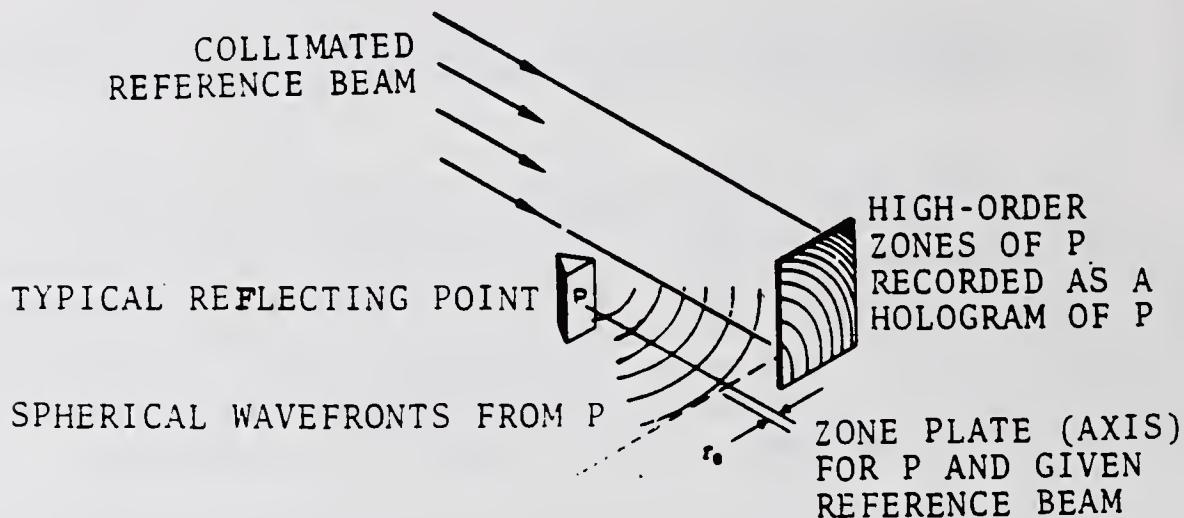


FIGURE 4. SAMPLE PLACEMENT OF CALLOUTS (LABELS).

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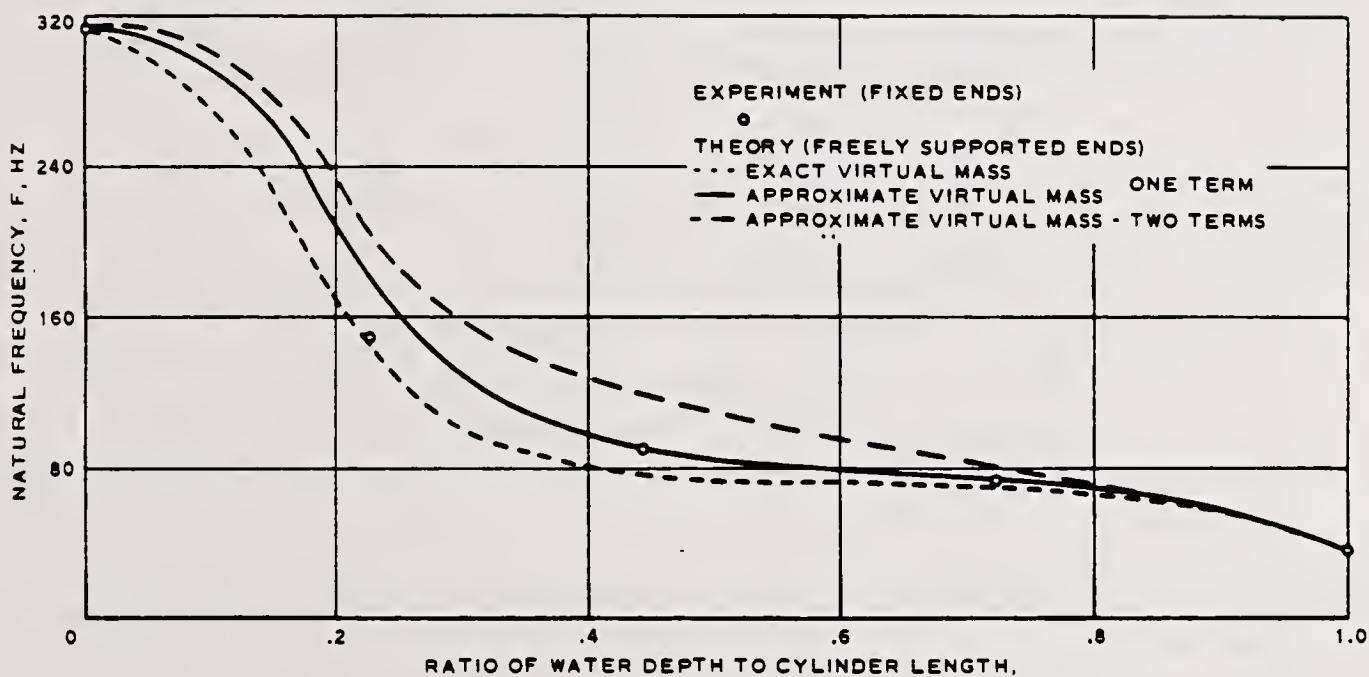
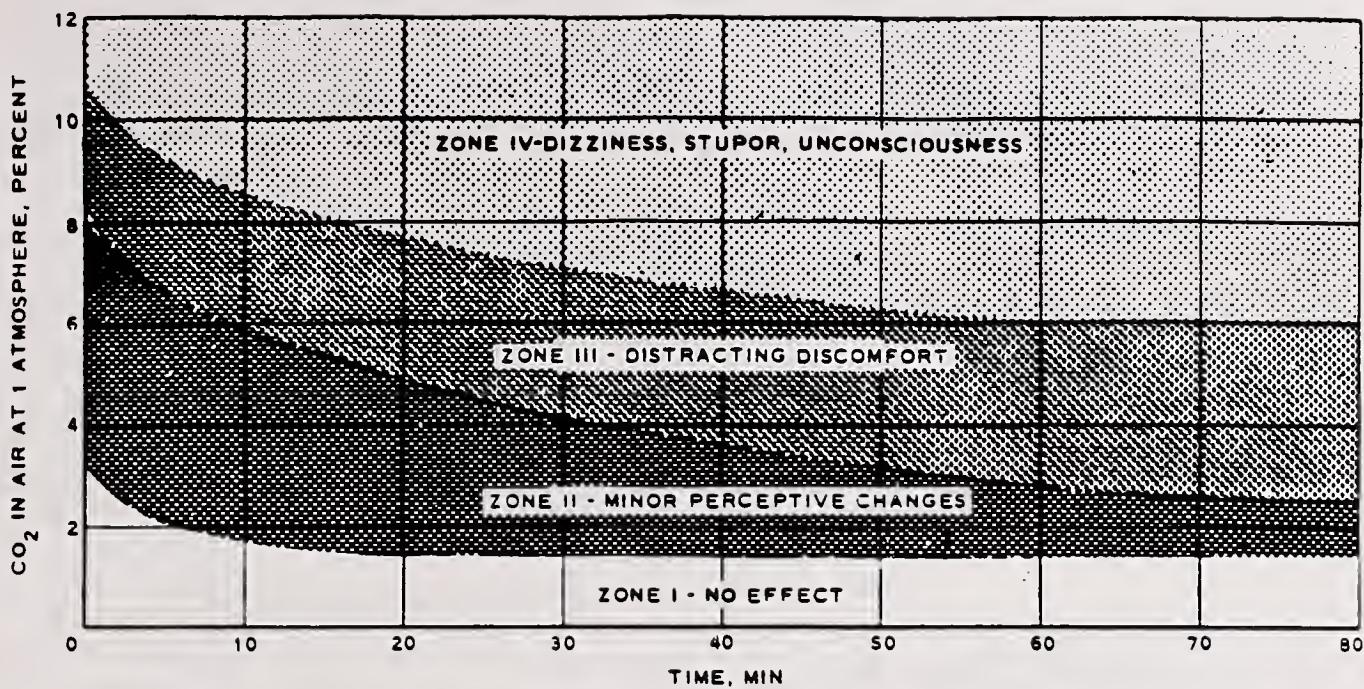


FIGURE 5. SAMPLE, SCREENING (TOP) AND CODING (BOTTOM) USED AS SUBSTITUTES FOR COLOR.

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TABLE 1.—SHORT-TIME XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX —— *Caption*

Boxhead —

Temperature, K	Specimen type (a)	Ultimate tensile strength, N/m ²	Elongation between buttonheads, cm	Reduction of area, percent
<i>Footnote reference</i> ————— Tungsten				
1700	1	2200×10^3	1.57	95
1900	1	1312	1.60	75
2060	1	987	.69	36
2260	1	674	.51	25

^a Recrystallized at 2370 K for 1/2 hour in vacuum. ————— *Footnote*

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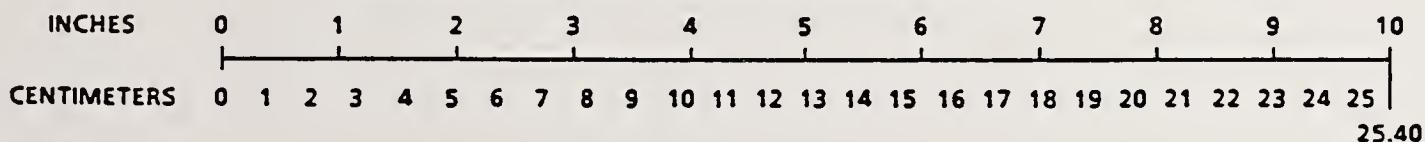
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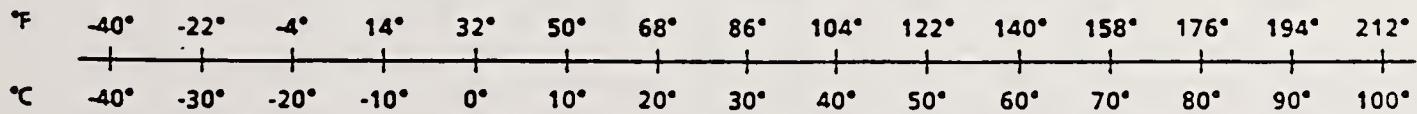
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